

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010**

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, January 25, 2010, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street in Bristol, RI. The Chairperson, Paul Silva, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:09 PM.

Present: Paul Silva, Chair, Paul E. Brule, Vice-Chair, William M. O'Dell, Treasurer, Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary, Denise R. Arsenault, John C. Bento, Diana B. Campbell, Karen A. Lynch and John P. Saviano; Melinda L. Thies, Superintendent; Mario J. Andrade, Assistant Superintendent; Pauline A. Silva, Director of Administration and Finance; Leslie J. Anderson, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Mary N. Almeida, Director of Literacy and Title I; and Andrew D. Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

Absent: none

OPENING BUSINESS

All present were invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Silva stated we lost a well-respected, hard-working member of the Mt. Hope School Community last week with the passing of Mrs. Marcia King, Head of the Science Department. Mrs. Arsenault wished to comment that she had known Mrs. King for ten years as a wonderful, wonderful teacher who was always a positive presence and was not only compassionate when it came to student issues but she truly loved the students; Mrs. Arsenault attended a candle light vigil on Friday evening at the Bristol Town Beach where she heard over and over again from students that Mrs. King never had a bad day, she was always there for them and how she had given them many chances to try their best. Her personality and skills will be missed. Mrs. Arsenault commended students and staff for their decorum and conduct throughout this tragedy; there was some amazing support made available to all; it was a wonderful tribute to Mrs. King. A scholarship in her name has been established; refer to the website for more information. Mrs. King thought highly of the students and always encouraged them to do extra things.

Mr. Silva asked for a moment of silence and for everyone to keep Mrs. King and her family in their thoughts and prayers. Mrs. McBride stated that Mrs. King was her friend and she will miss her. The Superintendent wished to acknowledge Mrs. King in a professional manner; Mrs. King was recognized across the state for her involvement and connectedness and for bringing science to life for her students. She was a National Board Certified teacher and was

instrumental in developing the Amgen Bruce Wallace Biotechnology Program at Mt. Hope; she was also a contributor to science GSEs at the state level. Mrs. Thies also commented on Mrs. King's spirit, life and connectedness to students, as well as her ability to encourage students to do extra and give their best. Mrs. King will be greatly missed by her colleagues and the District.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC FORUM

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Brule asked to remove Section C from Personnel Recommendations #S 2010-02.

MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to seal the minutes to the December 14 Executive Session; Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

BUDGET FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. O'Dell reported that as a result of the Subcommittee meeting held just prior to this meeting, Recommendation #S 2010-05 will no longer be necessary, so it is withdrawn. The budget will be voted on at their February meeting which may have to be rescheduled from the 16th because Mr. Brule will be away; a new date will be set.

POLICY/ COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mrs. Campbell said their next meeting is on Monday, February 1 at 6:30 PM at Oliver; there has been nothing new since the last report.

Wellness Committee: Mrs. Campbell reported no new updates at this time.

PERSONNEL/ CONTRACT NEGOTIATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Saviano said there is nothing remarkable going on right now.

FUTURE ENROLLMENT AND FACILITIES TASK FORCE

Mrs. Lynch reported their next meeting is February 23rd at 6:00 PM in the Oliver Administration Building Conference Room; the group will be finishing the second half of their Power Point presentation; they have moved their presentation to the full Committee from February 8 to March 8 in order to do their due diligence and not rush. She asked

all members of the Task Force to make an effort to attend this next important meeting, their input is needed to determine recommendations.

CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES

Mr. Silva had nothing at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES

Recommendation # S2010-02 – PERSONNEL

A. APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the positions of Custodian and Child Outreach Screener (Part Time) as listed below:

1. Robert J. Santos Custodian – Colt Andrews/Oliver

Effective: January 25, 2010, pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements

Reason: To fill a vacancy (Termination – E. Canales)

Funding: Operational Budget

2. Michaela J. Anderson Child Outreach Screener (Part Time)

Effective: January 4, 2010, to the extent of grant

funding only

Reason: To fill a vacancy (Resignation – A. Kneath)

Funding: IDEA Preschool Grant

B. BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the School of the 21st Century, Before and After School Program, as listed below (pending sufficient enrollment to warrant running this program and DCYF CANTS clearance):

1. Kayla A. Magee Child Care Provider (Part Time)

**Effective: Immediately, for the remainder of the
2009-10 school year, pending
satisfactory completion of pre-
employment requirements**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

2. Holly Whipp Child Care Intern (Part Time)

**Effective: Immediately, for the remainder of the
2009-10 school year**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

C. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the extracurricular positions listed below for the 2009-10 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):

SPRING COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH

Sport Position Coach

- 1. Baseball (Boys) Head Coach Elias Garcia**
- 2. Baseball (Boys) Asst. Coach Manny Reis**
- 3. Baseball (Boys) Asst. Coach Robert Millard**
- 4. Golf Head Coach Christopher Munzert**
- 5. Lacrosse (Boys) Head Coach Scot Clark**
- 6. Lacrosse (Boys) Asst. Coach Michael Williams**
- 7. Lacrosse (Girls) Head Coach Kerri Ferreira**
- 8. Lacrosse (Girls) Asst. Coach Jamie Calenda**
- 9. Softball (Girls) Head Coach Steven Zina**
- 10. Softball (Girls) Asst. Coach Meredith Friedman ***
- 11. Tennis (Boys) Head Coach Wayne Turner**
- 12. Track (Outdoor) Head Coach Jeffrey Blanchet**
- 13. Track (Outdoor) Asst. Coach Kevin Medeiros**

INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES – KICKEMUIT MIDDLE

- 14. Baseball Coach Paul Castigliero**
- 15. Cheerleading Asst. Coach Melissa Gendreau**

16. Track (Outdoor) Coach Brian Beausoleil

*** Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

D. CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following applications for certified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

CERTIFIED

Name Area/Level

- 1. Kevin J. Calisto General Subject Matter**
- 2. Brian A. Camara General Subject Matter**
- 3. Ann Marie Clarkson Hearing Disordered/Sensory Impaired**
- 4. Sara J. Cloutier Elementary/Sp.Ed.**
- 5. Kellyn Cordeiro Early Childhood/Early**
- 6. Kristin A. Cormier Elementary/Sp.Ed.**
- 7. Lori A. Finan General Subject Matter**
- 8. Nichole E. Mitchell Elementary/Sp.Ed.**
- 9. Michael E. Mulligan General Subject Matter**
- 10. Judy L. Nelson-Mintzer English**
- 11. Victoria L. Sadler General Subject Matter**
- 12. Samani K. Villella General Subject Matter**
- 13. Nicholas S. Zambrotta General Subject Matter**

E. CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following applications for classified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

TEACHER ASSISTANTS

1. Susan A. Albritton
2. Samani K. Villella

CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE

3. Alex J. Aguiar
4. Richard D. Malo
5. Thomas L. Nichols
6. Antonio Pacheco

F. LEAVES OF ABSENCE: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant leaves of absence for a Secondary Special Educator and Elementary Teacher as follows:

1. Hilary Grieve-McDermott Special Educator – Mt. Hope High
Effective: December 20, 2009, for 6-8 weeks
Reason: Maternity leave in accordance with

**Article 21, Section L1 of the Master
Agreement**

2. Tina Hyllested Grade Two Teacher - Guiteras

Effective: March 17, 2010, for 6-8 weeks

**Reason: Maternity leave in accordance with
Article 21, Section L1 of the Master
Agreement**

SECTION C

Mr. Brule recused himself from this vote.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to approve; Mrs. Campbell seconded. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with Mr. Brule recused.

Recommendation #S 2010-03: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2010-2011 Mt. Hope High School Program of Studies.

MOTION: Mr. O'Dell motioned to approve; Mr. Brule seconded. Mrs. Campbell mentioned she thought there was another step between the presentation at the last meeting and acceptance at this meeting. Mrs. Thies said the recommended program is the same as was presented. Mrs. McBride added that in years past it sometimes came through the

Policy / Community Affairs Subcommittee. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

Recommendation #S 2010-04: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, reaffirm Policy GBA Equal Opportunity Employment

MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to approve; Mr. O'Dell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation #S 2010-05: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, award the bid for snow removal.

MOTION: Mr. O'Dell motioned to approve; Mr. Brule seconded. The bid is being awarded to the lowest bidder, Alves Landscaping; the job is for snow removal at Kickemuit and Hugh Cole Schools only.

Recommendation #S 2010-06: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Budget/ Facilities Subcommittee, move forward with emergency action to repair the heating system at Guiteras School.

Recommendation withdrawn.

Recommendation #S 2010-07: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of two families to home school their children for the 2009-2010 school year, adhering to the requirements set forth by the Bristol Warren Regional School District.

MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to approve; Mr. O'Dell seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

Notification of Overnight Field Trip

The Superintendent notified the Committee of an overnight field trip for the Robotics Team to the New Jersey Institute of Technology. Mrs. Campbell thinks this is a great opportunity and she applauds the efforts of the teachers in helping the student prepare. Mrs. Thies said each student will be accompanied by a parent, that is why the student to adult ratio is 1 : 1; this is a wonderful sharing opportunity; she also commends Mr. Garrity, a great role model.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 7:40 PM

MOTION: In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mr. Saviano motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:40 PM for legal advice from the attorney; no action will be taken. Mr. Brule seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 9:02 PM

In Executive Session, the Committee received legal advice from Attorney Henneous. No action was taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:03 PM

MOTION: There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. McBride, seconded by Mr. Brule, motioned to adjourn at 9:03 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary

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